

# Montana Shared Catalog Partner Resource Sharing Group

## How to Join Partners

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### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide Montana Partner Library users self-service access to the materials of all participating libraries.

### CORE VALUES

- Our collections are available to all Partner Library users.
- Our users' needs for efficient and consistent service are the focus of our decision-making.

### PARTICIPATING LIBRARIES

- Bitterroot Public Library, Hamilton
- Drummond School/Community Library
- Bicentennial Library of Colstrip
- Flathead County Library and Branches
- Glendive Public Library
- Hearst Free Library, Anaconda
- Lincoln County Library and Branches
- Miles City Public Library
- Miles Community College Library
- Mineral County Public Library, Superior
- Missoula Public Library and Branches
- North Lake County Library District, Polson
- North Valley Public Library, Stevensville
- Rosebud County Library
- Whitefish Community Library

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MONTANA PARTNER LIBRARY?

- Read the Membership Policies and Procedures, Partners By-Laws, and Memorandum of Understanding found on the [Montana Shared Catalog](#) website.
- Visit at least one Partner Library to educate yourself about the following:
  - Space needs for all aspects of the program.
  - Increased staff responsibilities and management of the program.
  - Supplies, postage and budgetary adjustments.
  - Daily, weekly and monthly reports and follow through.
  - Observe courier system activities.
  - Floating collections and shelf space.

### I WANT TO JOIN!!

- Become a member of the Partner Libraries listserv
- Educate your trustees and staff on the requirements and commitments needed to join Montana Partner Libraries.
- Contact the current Partners Chairperson and request to be put on their next meeting agenda to present your plan of action for approval to "go live" with a specified date.
- Agree to abide the MSC Partners by-laws and membership policies and procedures.